PERMISSION FOR UTILISING THE RIVER AND NALLA WATER AT KHANAPUR TALUK

89. Sri N. B. SIRDESAI (Khanapur).—

Will the Minister for Public Works and Electricity be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether permission for utilisation of river water and nalla water is to be obtained from the Public Works Department and whether any time limit has been fixed so as to avoid inconvenience to the ryots;

(*b*) if so, the number of applications requesting such permission received either at Khanapur P.W.D. Office or at Belgaum P.W.D. Office and the number of applications disposed off and the number of applications pending and since when?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Minister for Public Works and Electricity).—

(*a*) Permission for utilisation of river water and nalla water is to be obtained from the Public Works Department. No time limit has been fixed for granting such permission under the Mysore Irrigation Act, 1965, the Irrigation Officer is empowered to grant such permission. The time taken depends upon the merits of each case as he has to consider such a grant after examining the interests of the lower irrigation works and water supply needs, availability of required flow in the nalla or stream, etc.

(*b*) No applications have been received and no permission has been granted so far to anybody for utilising water from nallas or rivers.

ABOLITION OF CHECK POSTS OF SALES TAX DEPARTMENT.

94. Sri B. SATHYANARAYANA SINGH (Hospet).—

Will the Minister for Finance be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the reasons for not accepting the recommendations of Bhoothalingam Committee regarding the abolition of check-posts of Sales Tax Department;

(*b*) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that there is corrunption in large scale at these check-posts;

(*c*) if so, whether the Government has any proposal before it to post I.A.S. Officers to big check-posts which are yielding heavy income;

(*d*) the steps the Government proposes to take to prevent heavy leakage in collection of sales tax ?

Sri M. Y. GHORPADE (Minister for Finance).—

(*a*) The question is under consideration of Government.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Does not arise.

(*d*) The Intelligance and Vigilance Wings of the Commercial Taxes Department have been given instructions :

(i) to conduct inspection of business premises.

(ii) to keep a close watch on the clandestine movement of goods.

DEVELOPMENT OF INLAND FISHERIES

95. Sri B. SATHYANARAYANA SINGH (Hospet).—

Will the Minister of State for Fisheries be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the steps taken by the Government to develop Inland Fisheres ;

(*b*) the amount earmarked for this purpose for the current year ;

(*c*) the schemes proposed for development of fisheries at Tungabhadra Reservoir ?

Sri K. T. RATHOD (Minister of State for Fisheries).—

(*a*) The following steps have been taken by the Government for the development of inland fisheries in the State—

(1) Inland fishery development work which, at the time of the Reorganisation of States was confined to a few districts in the State has been progressively expanded to cover all the districts in the State.

(2) Under the scheme for fish seed production, rearing and distribution, improvement of fish breeding techniques has been introduced and the production of fish seed has been progressively increased year after year. The quantity of fish fingerlings produced, stocked in inland waters and supplied to farmers has been steadify increased.

(3) Under the scheme for construction of fish nurseries and regional fish farms, facilities for breeding fish and making available fish seed for stocking have been increased by expanding existing fish farms and construction of new fish farms at suitable places. Notable